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# THE RUSSIAN ARMY IS FACING THE GREATEST DISASTER

## Kirovograd, One Of Manstein's Last Bastions, Falls: Nazi Positions In The Bend Collapsing Like Cards

FROM HAROLD KING, REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Moscow, Saturday.

WITH the vital city of Kirovograd in Russian hands—its capture was announced tonight in an Order of the Day by Marshal Stalin—Manstein's army group in South Russia is facing overwhelming disaster, and the nightmare which has haunted him since the Red Army's autumn Dnieper breakthrough has become a reality.

### Russian Bear Snapping

### Hitler's Lifeline

### Gigantic Pincer Closing

THE Russian drive from the west and south from Kiev is developing with amazing rapidity into a gigantic trap that promises to make Stalin's grand affair, for millions of Germans are in the gravest peril.

Already the pincers are closing on the hordes of Huns who were ordered to stand in the Dnieper Bend and fight to the last man.

It now looks as if they can do nothing else but just, not only in the Bend but on the whole southern front.

The nature of the Russian offensive movement is such that the Germans are unlikely to get more than a small percentage of their forces out of any of this six-hundred mile line before the Red Army, driving south-west from Kiev, reaches the great Low-Odesa railway and cuts their line of retreat.

The truth seems to be that, just as they did at Stalingrad, the Germans have hung on too long.

Stalin's generals played a deep game. Instead of at once pushing off the German forces at the extreme corner of the Bend by cutting through at Kirovograd, they merely put on sufficient pressure there to give the Germans the impression that this was their design.

The enemy seems to have assumed that because Kirovograd did not fall that the Russian drive was the Red Army's last effort.

The folly of this was suddenly revealed by the swift switching of the Russian pressure to the Zhitomir area and then the quick dash to the south towards Vinnytsa.

The fall of Kirovograd yesterday was the latest snapping of this huge snare.

The jaws of the Russian bear are closing tight on the Dnieper and the teeth are grinding down at Kirovograd, Vinnytsa, Rovno and Sarny.

One line position is a rail-way junction, a vital cross-roads on Hitler's lifeline. Without this the Nazis cannot feed their troops or rescue them.

The whole German front, from the Upper Bug to the eastern end of the Dnieper Bend, is collapsing like a house of cards, and the capture of Kirovograd will hasten that collapse. MILLIONS OF GERMAN TROOPS NOW FACE CATASTROPHE ON AN UNPARALLELED SCALE.

Koniev's Second Ukrainian Army is moving swiftly westwards. In four days, said tonight's Order of the Day, it has penetrated into the enemy line to a depth of from 20 to 30 miles on a front 50 miles wide.

Eight German divisions, three tank, one mechanised, and four infantry, were routed in the course of this fighting, which has resulted in Koniev breaking decisively the backbone of the enemy Dnieper line.

Less than 80 miles from the German base, Vatutin's, advancing on a 300-mile front, is ripping up the Hun retreat lines and severing the great Dnieper salient from its base.

Gen. Koniev's massive victory at Kirovograd—nerve centre of German resistance—means that the Germans have unquestionably lost the Battle of the Dnieper Bend. With their front smashed in half and enormous losses inflicted, the collapse of their whole position throughout the Bend is only a matter of time—and a short time at that.

Kirovograd has opened up the slave gates and the Red Army is pouring through the gap, making for the key railway centre of Novo Ukraina and for the River Bug beyond.

The escape gap still remaining to the Germans holding Kirovograd and Nikolai is narrowing every day. Yet the Germans do not let go their positions there without inviting disaster. Just as the small trap closed round Kirovograd, so the big trap round the whole remaining Dnieper Bend region may close soon.

### NO HELP FROM MANSTEIN

Prospects for the success of such an operation—a possibility with which Manstein has had to reckon ever since he decided to hold on to his Dnieper Bend positions—were never better. His divisions can expect no help from other sectors.

They are completely cut off from the German forces in Central Russia, and cannot look for succour to their immediate neighbours in the west, who are fully committed to the desperate struggle to hold off Vatutin from the approaches to Odesa.

Not a man, not a tank, not a plane can Manstein send to help save off disaster.

Meanwhile, on a front covering more than 300 miles, curves round the huge Kirovograd salient and back to the banks of the Dnieper, 50 miles below Kiev, Vatutin's new Russian stevedore is flattening out Manstein's rear positions.

One mighty prong is thrusting along the Sarny-Kovel highroad, supported a little further south by another westward thrust of great strength along the Kirovograd-Volynsk-Romo road.

Just below this, at the point where the front line turns to face west-west, the Russians are making rapid progress toward the important railway junction of Shepetovka.



### German Industrialists Fear Civil War

### THEY OFFER TO 'DUMP HITLER'

FROM HAROLD HUTCHINSON, R.U.P. Correspondent

GERMANY'S biggest industrialists are getting ready to throw Hitler overboard. Reliable reports have reached Washington this week that they have representatives in neutral countries who are seeking favourable peace terms.

In return they will give up the conquered territory Germany now occupies—and Hitler.

Emil Ludwig, the famous German emigre writer, estimates that 2,000 such industrialists are seeking to prevent a revolution in Germany.

It is thought in Washington that the industrialists will be willing to surrender East Prussia as well as Alsace-Lorraine. They openly acknowledge that defeat is inevitable.

Their greatest anxiety, it is stated, is that British, American, but not Russian, forces should occupy Germany at the earliest possible moment in order to prevent the disintegrating German forces and the tens of thousands of factory workers and foreign labourers exacting their own revenge.

To make their country safe are ready to hand the Nazi leaders over to the Allies.

Second, the German High Command are willing to play their part in the defence of Hitler and already one general is thought to have been chosen to play a role similar to that taken by the Italian emigré.

The brother on the winning side had left Italy many years ago and became an American citizen.

Further still, for those for the first time attacked the German-operated aircraft factory at Regensburg, the Austrian firm is lighter engines. Hita were scored, a special explosion. Fifty fighters sought to attack and three of them were shot down.

### BATTling forward between the whitewashed cottages of the Italian mountain hamlet of Giusto, Fifth Army troops are to-day prising open the door to Cassino—and Rome. Biting ever deeper into the mountain defences, General Clark's troops are engaged in bitter fighting as they advance along a 10-mile front.

Fierce, although small-scale, actions are going on right through the chain of Apennine villages and hamlets.

As night and day Fifth Army troops make their way by yard advances the door to the capital is gradually being opened.

American troops have pushed on another 1,000 yards northwards from the hamlet of San Vittore. This position is a formidable hand-to-hand fighting area, the road eastwards to Cassino.

American units, advancing from the south, have reached this 900-ft. height and are now fighting for its possession. The Germans are putting in determined counter-attacks.

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### Slessor To Command RAF In Mediterranean

WITH the approval of President Roosevelt and the Prime Minister, Air Marshal Sir John Slessor, who has been appointed deputy to General Ira C. Eaker, Air Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, Under General Eisenhower, will command the RAF units in the Mediterranean.

General Slessor's present post of Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Coastal Command, will be taken over by Air Marshal Sir Charles Douglas.

Before his appointment to Coastal Command, Slessor was an Assistant Chief of Air Staff, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Philip Slessor, who was in command of the RAF units in the Mediterranean.

### 'The Decisive Round'

GERMAN military experts believe that the war will be decided, not by the Second Front, but by the battles now being fought in Russia, the German Overland Force has stated last night.

It said: "The Soviet attacks from the western front have now assumed the character of a general offensive. It is scarcely conceivable as an all-out effort to break through the German front line. In Berlin there is no doubt that the present battles are the decisive round and that the German front will unquestionably be broken at some point (west-east) by the bombing offensive, or invasion in the west."

### NAZI BLOCKADE-RUNNER SUNK

An armed German blockade runner has been destroyed by U.S. air forces in the South Atlantic, it is officially announced.

The blockade runner was stated to have been laden with war materials and was intercepted by U.S. forces. It was sunk several days before being attacked.

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### Jet Planes May Help Invasion

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### Seven New Admirals

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Captain Arthur J. Eberton, D.S.O., A.D.C., Captain William C. B. Eberton, D.S.O., A.D.C., Captain Leslie H. Ashmore, Captain (Commander) Lt. Class 1 John G. L. Dauden, D.S.O., A.D.C., Captain (Commander) Lt. Class 1 John G. L. Dauden, D.S.O., A.D.C.

### 50 Men Left Of 550

Only 50 men are alive out of 550 sent into battle on the Eastern front from the little Bavarian town of Oberhausen near Augsburg, said Moscow Radio yesterday.

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M.P.s want under Parliamentary representation and a fairer distribution of voting power as preliminaries to the post-war New Deal.

## M.P.s Want Fairer Electoral Method

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

AS soon as Parliament reassembles it is to discuss the possibility of altering the system whereby M.P.s will be chosen at the next election. Members of all parties feel that there is much that is wrong with our present system, and they want a Royal Commission to make such amendments as are desirable before the post-war general election. Two main questions will be discussed.

### £400 Offer To Dope Dogs Alleged

THAT he was "promised £100 a week" if he would dope racing greyhounds was alleged by a kennel boy at Clerkenwell Police Court yesterday.

William John Spicer, thirty-one, a Pioneer Corps soldier, and Charles Wells, thirty-two, auxiliary fireman, Weymouth, Dorset, were accused of conspiring to defraud people who might bet on the Hackney Wick Stadium racing by giving drugs to greyhounds.

Spicer was also charged with supplying Alan Frank Burnett, twenty-two, on December 7, to attend people who might bet on the racing.

Spicer, September Spicer told Burnett, an ex-Merchandise Navy boy of eighteen, that he would give him a couple of hundred pounds if he got a job at Hackney Wick Stadium.

Burnett thought he would try it and obtained a job at the Stadium. He received, not £200, but £2 or 4 a week from Spicer.

He was given capsules by Spicer on October 29, and gave them to a dog. In November a further sum was suggested to stimulate the dog, and Burnett was given capsules, which he and other boys gave to three dogs.

Kennel boys of the other boys, saw a Stadium trainer and also got in touch with the police.

Spicer was arrested on December 10, and taken to the police station. Burnett said Spicer promised him £500 a week. On October 13 he gave Marshall Ltd. a capsule obtained from Spicer. Marshall Ltd. can win.

The hearing was adjourned to Tuesday, January 11, Wells being granted bail.

### Ran 19,000 'Necessary' Journeys

In 1943 the C.W.R. broke its own record of war traffic for the Government, running nearly 19,000 special troops and armaments trains.

The company had to find more than 20,000 coaches for troops, tanks, vehicles, and stores, and nearly 400,000 wagons—200,000 more than in the previous year.

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But there is this "snag." They also want to avoid the perils of "log-rolling," which lead to minority rule.

Should there be a principle of "One man one vote"? At present some people have several votes. They vote in the district where they live, again in the division where they own a shop or factory, and they can also vote for an M.P. to represent a university if they are graduates.

If this rich can have plural votes, and the poor only single votes.

The second issue is: Should Proportional Representation be introduced? P.R. as it is called, is a more complicated system than our present one, whereby each elector votes for one M.P. and puts an X by the name he chooses.

But, simply the principle is as follows:

(a) At present, the minority vote in each constituency is ignored, and the voters for the majority are elected.

(b) For example, a county may contain ten single-member constituencies. In each a Conservative candidate may get 10,000 votes, a Labour candidate 8,000, and a Liberal 2,000.

(c) Under the present system 10,000 Conservatives would get nine, 8,000 Liberals would get one, and 2,000 Liberals would get none.

(d) Under P.R. the ten constituencies would be pooled, and the number of M.P.s elected would be divided between the parties in the proportion of the vote cast.

(e) For example, if a county contains ten single-member constituencies, and the Conservatives have 10,000 votes, the Liberals 8,000, and the Labour 2,000, the Conservatives would get nine, the Liberals one, and the Labour none.

(f) That is a much fairer system than the present one, in which the majority party gets all the seats.

(g) Under the present system, it is possible for a party with 10,000 votes to get only one seat, while a party with 8,000 votes to get two seats.

(h) The third member of the Party in the Commons is Sir Richard Acland, who is president of the Party.

"SPLINTER" PARTIES

Here's one reason why many M.P.s are splinters.

P.R. would result in such a mathematically accurate representation of all parties in the House that all kinds of "break" and "splinter" parties would have no chance.

Naturally, a party that never got an M.P. in the House because it only polled a few thousand votes would not be a splinter party.

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## ALLIED WAR CHIEF

A new and characteristic picture of General Eisenhower, supreme Commander of the Allied Forces for the invasion of Europe.

Few Rationing Changes

POINTS CUT FOR CANNED FISH

POINTS values of canned herring, pilchard and mackerel heavily cut are the main changes in the new rationing period beginning today.

Certain canned cereals hitherto exempt are added to the rationing list.

Points are halved for Jewish cereals, biscuits, known as matzot. A similar concession to Jews was made for the Passover last year.

Detailed reductions on canned herring, pilchard and mackerel are:

One's "points" from 6 points to 2, from 4 to 2, from 2 to 1, from 1 to 0.5, from 0.5 to 0.25, from 0.25 to 0.125, from 0.125 to 0.0625, from 0.0625 to 0.03125, from 0.03125 to 0.015625, from 0.015625 to 0.0078125, from 0.0078125 to 0.00390625, from 0.00390625 to 0.001953125, from 0.001953125 to 0.0009765625, from 0.0009765625 to 0.00048828125, from 0.00048828125 to 0.000244140625, from 0.000244140625 to 0.0001220703125, from 0.0001220703125 to 0.00006103515625, from 0.00006103515625 to 0.000030517578125, from 0.000030517578125 to 0.0000152587890625, from 0.0000152587890625 to 0.00000762939453125, from 0.00000762939453125 to 0.000003814697265625, from 0.000003814697265625 to 0.0000019073486328125, from 0.0000019073486328125 to 0.00000095367431640625, from 0.00000095367431640625 to 0.000000476837158203125, from 0.000000476837158203125 to 0.0000002384185791015625, from 0.0000002384185791015625 to 0.00000011920928955078125, from 0.00000011920928955078125 to 0.000000059604644775390625, from 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## The Porter says

BEG pardon, I'm sure, for dragging the present company into what I might describe as Low Company. But, sir, almost in spite of myself, I did myself compelled to tell you the very curious story of a gentleman—or perhaps I ought to say a woman!—who was involved in the curious transaction of selling his head.

He was not related to the artist named Hogarth. He was not related to the artist named Hogarth. He was not related to the artist named Hogarth.

One day it was not long after I had begun to establish myself. I was standing behind my counter at a quiet pace. I ought to tell you, in all honesty, that in those days my quiet period lasted from about eight in the morning to nine at night.

Nevertheless, sir, I stood behind my counter and waited and hoped.

## OUT OF ALL PROPORTION

I had faced on my door a kind of bell operated by the opening of the door, just in case, if I stepped aside to let any one say a cup of tea, the shop would not be overgrown by a mischievous little boy with a pen-knife.

His head, I say, might have done justice to one of those colossal heads which are in the British Museum. If he had been about sixteen feet tall, his head would have been somewhat large, but not altogether inappropriate.

From top to toe, he could not have measured more than five feet. His clothes were absurd.

And as to his head, it was very much like a pumpkin. It was very much like a pumpkin. It was very much like a pumpkin.

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MR. CHICKERY told his visitor that he could see he was no ordinary man.

In fun fairs and circuses and did all sorts of strange things. But his real head was a certain famous brain specialist, looking at his head in an omnibus, sir, was overcome with an impulse to tell it to see to it.

Mr. Hogarth hit him in the head, and so they got into conversation. The brain specialist was desperately anxious to learn what this remarkable head concealed.

And he asked Mr. Hogarth how much he wanted for his head. Mr. Hogarth replied that since it would be inconvenient for him to live without his head, he was not prepared to part with it.

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## AND DOE TELLS YOU—

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Germany, as was expected, will lose her battle, but she will not be defeated. She will endure the most crushing losses of men and material, but she will not be defeated.

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